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From Director, FBI

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I have had the opportunity to read the article entitled "The Assassination of President Kennedy, Breaches Revealed in Security System" which appeared in the December, 1963, edition of Security Gazette. This article contends that the apparent lack of liaison between the Secret Service, FBI and the local police was one of the main contributory reasons for security failures in the security system devised to protect the President.

You are instructed to contact Mr. Scott with whom I have enjoyed prior friendly correspondence, the most recent being on December 4, 1963, and tactfully advise him that literally thousands of people come to our attention each year who have exhibited unusual behavior or have expressed unorthodox views. Point out that it would be wrong for us to inundate the Secret Service with the names of people unless there was some reason to suspect those persons were potential threats. He should be advised that the FBI was investigating Lee Harvey Oswald since he had indicated through his actions and statements that he advocated principles contrary to the best interests of the United States. His background and activities fully justified our action concerning him but the data we had regarding Oswald gave absolutely no clue indicating he was a potential assassin.

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You should also take this opportunity to advise Mr. Scott's attention the close relationship that exists between the FBI and Secret Service, noting that the Chief of the Secret Service, Mr. James J. Rowley, is a former Special Agent of the FBI who is personally known to me. Advise Mr. Scott that we cooperate completely with the Secret Service as we do with all other Federal and local law enforcement agencies in matters of mutual interest.

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

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NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo, same date, captioned "The Assassination of President Kennedy, Breaches Revealed in Security System," Security Gazette, December, 1963.

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Submit results of your contact with Mr. Scott, attention
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